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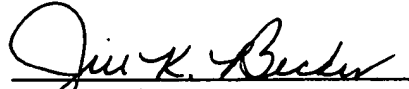
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Serial No.: 09/584,259 Group Art Unit: 2155
Filed: 05/31/00 Examiner: Young N. Won
Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING
PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
ENVIRONMENT

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Response To Office Action

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on or before January 19, 2006, and thus, a Request For Extension Of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. Therefore, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.